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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b or a) as being anticipated by Lazzarotti (b).or Gretener et al (a).

Both references teach (1) measuring a void on the main conveyor, (2) checking the availability of an equal or less sized article on the feed paths and (3) timely feeding any appropriately sized article into the void on the main path.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph E. Valenza at telephone number (703) 308-2577. Amendments may be faxed to 703-305-7687. My normal workweek is Monday through Thursday.

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